

DADONE, Ugo Antonio Emanuele
dob: 3 June 1886

po: Agropoli (Salerno), Italy

son of: Andrea & Ernesta (Ester) De Benedetti

Married, Margherita KASPAROVA VACLAVA, in Prague 1911. Two daughter, Margherita & Vittoria
speaks: French, German, Arabic, Russian, Czech, Spanish

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Formerly head of the Italian Propaganda office, Cairo, Egypt and an important I.S. officer.
Before the fall of Mussolini he commanded the Arab camp in Rome which was subsequently taken
over by the Germans.

Subject went to Egypt in the summer of 1934 as a special correspondent for Il Popolo d'Italia
of Milan, and set up semi-official news agency. He engaged in pro-Italy propaganda until he was
interned in 1941. Was considered a strong Fascist.

OSS made contact with him in March 1946, owing to his mastery in all aspects of Near Eastern
matters. He was considered a person of superior political espionage qualities, and the basis
for his collaboration was described as "mutuality of Italian & American interests." He is a
Scottish Rite Mason; anti-Jewish.

Contacts with Subject continued from the time of recruitment until end of 1959 when he was
terminated, although these contacts were not "regular". He was paid salary most of time;
however, and submitted reports on M.E. matters, particularly on personal contacts with Arab
leaders and personalities, as well as reports on the Italian Political situation.

Given his age, the fact that he was ill and could no longer engage in his professional
activity, Subject was given a final liquidation payment and the operation closed officially
in the summer of 1961.

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